

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair claim that the film is non-partisan is dubious, particularly in light of the company's previous actions forbidding its stations to air a Nightline program (which showed the names and faces of soldiers who died in Iraq) because it might reflect badly on the current White House occupants. At the very least, the FCC should assess whether the film is honest and truly based on facts, or whether it is merely a political advertisement in essence.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves. In allowing the public airwaves to be abused in this manner, the FCC would be untrue to its role as a protector of the public good. Please try to remember why the FCC exists in the first place. Thank you.